MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Under the Remission Rules, if there is an absolute failure of crop—we call it കെടുതലാണ് and കൊയ്ത്തലാണ് there are specific reliefs. It might be a bumper crop or a satisfactory crop or an unsatisfactory crop. It is reported that the condition of the present seasons harvest was satisfactory in the taluks of Shencotta, Karthigapally, Pathanapuram, Mavelikara, Kottarakara and Ambalapuzha, and not quite satisfactory in the taluks of Tiruvalla, Shertalla, Quilon and Karunagapally. "Not quite satisfactory" does not bring the case within the purview of the remission rules.

Tarfif rate of commodities.

277. ✱ MR. M. K. CHANDRASEKHARA BHATTATHIRI (*The Travancore Jenmies—South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the details of the procedure adopted in the determination of nirak rates in the State of commodities like paddy etc.;

(*b*) the time of the year when the rate is fixed;

(*c*) if it is determined more than once the times at which the rates are determined;

(*d*) the officers charged with the responsibility of enquiring the existing nirak;

(*e*) whether the Government have received any complaint that the above officers are not reporting the actual existing rate correctly, and as a result the nirak rate the Government fix does not represent the actual rate;

(*f*) whether the Government have made any investigation on such complaints; and

(*g*) if so, what is the result of such investigation and the steps taken by Government to remedy the defects if any?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) The Tahsildar of each taluk deputes one of his clerks to the bazaar periodically for ascertaining the market prices of commodities.

(*b*) and (*c*) The rates are determined once every fortnight.

(*d*) Tahsildars.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) and (*g*) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*) above.

Sea erosion in Quilon.

278. ✱ MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that nearly 75 acres of land and 25 houses have been washed away by sea erosion in Quilon pakuthi, Quilon taluk?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know whether the Government have received any representation from the inhabitants of the place?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: About the Karunagapally sea erosion, yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know whether any relief has been given to the people who suffered?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Relief measures are being adopted. The Executive Engineer perigranated the entire area to a distance of about four miles from the Neendakara bridge *i. e.*, up to Thirumulla.

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